

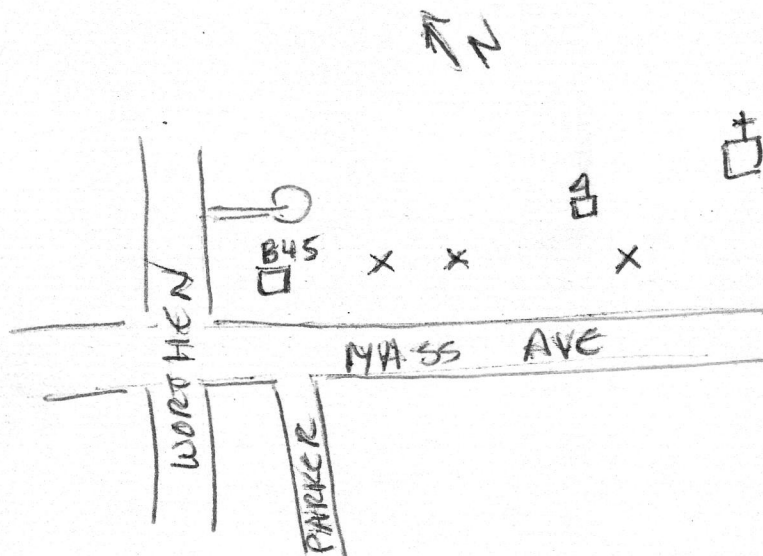
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
B	89



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
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Lexington

SS 2027 Mass. Ave.

Dana Home (Kelsey Gilmore House)

nt use Home for elderly

nt owner Lexington Home for the Aged

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1888

orce Tuttle List / Minute-Man
Oct 21, 1887

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Builder
tect David A. Tuttle

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features foundation obscured in front rear fieldstone; porch with low railing full width of front and along south side; entrance porch covered, supported by two turned posts, balanced by engaged posts on main facade. Windows to left of front

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

30'

6. Recorded by E.W.Reinhardt

Organization Lex Hist Com

Date April, 1976

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	x	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	x
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	x				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Lexington Home for the Aged was incorporated in 1905 beginning with a gift of \$1000 from Elizabeth W. Harrington. In 1913 Ellen Dana left her home, 627 Mass. Ave. (cf Morell Dana house, E area) to the Home for the Aged. In 1916 the Lexington Home for the Aged sold that house and bought 2027 Mass. Ave., their present site, naming it the Dana Home to commemorate Miss Dana's original gift. *Opened Oct 11, 1916.*

see next page

Description: door with stained glass inset across top. Entrance porch in south side with posts matching main facade. 2nd floor south west corner obscured by projecting bay, north west corner with square sided projecting tower - roof of tower extends above main roof line, topped by iron cresting - roof material is slate. Dependency on west side rear, 1½ story mansard, slate roofed with entrance. Dentil course at cornice line both in main block and dependency.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Ed Worthen, Calendar History of Lexington, p. 105, 110, 112.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Lexington

Form No:

89

Property Name: 2027 Massachusetts Ave

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1888 by David Ainsworth Tuttle for Kelsey M. Gilmore. Built as a summer residence for the Gilmores who lived in Charlestown. Mrs. Kelsey Gilmore died in November 1889. Their daughter, Katie Sophia, married William W. Reed in 1890 and they moved into this house and continued to live here until 1916 when it was sold to the Lexington Home for the Aged.

W.W. Reed was in the real estate business with an office in Boston. Kelsey Reed and his sister, Sylvia Reed Ballou (both deceased) were born in this house.

(See archives of the Lexington Historical Society and typescript by Sylvia Reed Ballou.)

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

On Oct. 21, 1887 the Minute-man reported that:

"Mr. Kelsey M. Gilmore, who has been occupying the house owned by Mr. H.G. Worth on Monument street has purchased a lot of land just beyond Mr. Mulliken's residence on the same street, where he will build a house"

Lisa Mansolf, 2009

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